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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our name; that we verily believe that we are the original, first and sole inventors of the invention entitled:

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described and claimed in the attached specification; including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to in the oath or declaration; that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, and claims; that we do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application; that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application; that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application; that we acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a); and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by us or our legal representatives or assigns.

We hereby appoint Jack Shore (Reg. No. 17,551) Marvin N. Benn (Reg. No. 26,705), Stephen J. Cassin (Reg. No. 38,098) and Adam Sacharoff (Reg. No. 43,075) as our attorneys and members of the firm of HAMMAN & BENN, 10 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 3300, Chicago, Illinois 60603, telephone number (312) 372-2920, a member of the Bar of the State of Illinois, and patent agent Milton S. Gerstein (Reg. No. 27,891) of the same address, as our patent agent, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. It is requested that all correspondence be directed to Jack Shore at the above address.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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